Brief Summary of Actions Taken by the CTCDC during the September 2, 2010 Meeting

Action Items:

10-08 Proposal to Amend CA MUTCD Section 2D.19 Business Auxiliary Sign (M-3)

The County of San Bernardino requested to amend the Section 2D.19 Business Auxiliary sign (M-3) to accommodate a request from unincorporated Wrightwood community to designate a segment of State Route 2 as a business district route.

The Committee agreed with their request and suggested to amend Section as follows:

Option:

The Business (M4-3) auxiliary sign (see Figure 2D-4) may be used to designate an alternate route that branches from a numbered route, passes through the business portion of a City or unincorporated area, and rejoins the numbered route beyond that area.

Note: This amendment will be incorporate in to the CA MUTCD during the adoption of National MUTCD 2009 in California.

10-09 Proposal to adopt a double wide solid or double wide broken white lane marking for HOV lanes in California and to revise CA MUTCD Section 3B.23 and add new Figure 3B-26(CA).

Caltrans requested for Adoption of the double lane line (consisting of two wide white lines) to designate HOV or Express lanes. Two solid wide white lines would be used in areas where access is restricted, and two broken wide white lines would be used in areas where crossing is allowed.

The Committee suggested there is a conflict between the California Vehicle Code and proposed striping. The Committee suggested that first Caltrans should get an amendment to the CVC and then proceed with the proposal.

07-7 Experimentation by Implementation of Two New School Site Loading Signs

The City of San Francisco received approval from the Committee to conduct an experiment with the School Loading Zone signs. The City's findings showed that the signs were not very effective in changing the behavior of drivers in the loading zones and requested to close the experimentation.

The Committee agreed with their recommendations and recommended to close this item.

Request for Experimentation:

10-10 Request for Permission to Experiment with modified SPEED HUMP (W171) Signs

The City of Stockton requested to continue this request for the next meeting.

Information Items:

10-11 Status of speed limit procedures changes in July 2009

Caltrans Traffic Operations Policy Directive (TOPD) 09-04 notified agencies of changes in Section 2B-13 in the CA MUTCD. In TOPD 09-04, agencies were asked to send in a summary of speed data with before and after posted speed limits. To date, less than a dozen responses have been received. Therefore, a last call should be sent out by members of the CTCDC to see if any additional data will be sent in. The time period to be covered was July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2010.

The Committee suggested that they will send a reminder to their counter partners to provide information to Caltrans to determine if the adopted policy has any negative impact. The date was extended until November 1, 2010 to provide data to Caltrans.

National MUTCD 2009:

The Committee was informed that Caltrans is anticipating adopting the National MUTCD in the early part of 2011. There is a Fourth Workshop scheduled on October 19 and 20th, 2010 to discuss Part 4 Highway Traffic Signals and Part 8 Traffic Control for Railroad and Light Rail Transit Grade Crossing.